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Vienna.

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1. [redacted] one truck and two van-like trucks [redacted] were parked in a fenced-in section of the Albrechts Kaserne in Vienna. The fuel dump opposite the installation was empty and no sentries were seen. Tank trucks [redacted] stood in the riding hall of the Wilhelms Kaserne. About 60 more vehicles [redacted]

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were parked in the billeting area. (1)

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Kärran.

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2. [redacted] the barracks installation in Kärran (P 49/X 49) still quartered troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The Shchuka tanks previously observed there were no longer seen. Eight AA guns of about 80-mm with muzzle brakes, 6 AA guns with protective shields and funnel-shaped muzzle brakes, and 24 trucks [redacted] were parked in that section of the installation which quartered AAA troops. Twelve tank trucks [redacted] were parked near the fuel dump. Jeep [redacted] and trucks [redacted] were seen in the streets of Kärran. (2)

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Laxenburg.

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3. On 21 August, 39 trucks [redacted], 6 van-like trucks, 8 tank trucks, sedan [redacted] and jeeps [redacted] were parked in the park of Laxenburg (P 49/X 47) Castle. Eighteen soldiers, wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were engaged in cleaning these vehicles. About 50 more vehicles of various types were standing to the rear of the park. A very heavy telephone wire was suspended from the castle toward Moedling (O 49/X 37). (3)

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Ebreichsdorf.

4. On 21 August, the Soviet quarters on Wienerstrasse in Ebreichsdorf (P 48/X 46) was occupied by troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets and red-

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bordered black epaulets. The sentries were alternately furnished by both units. Sixteen trucks [redacted] were parked at the installation.

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Schwechat.

5. [redacted] a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets, was guarding the Altkettenhof, also designated Dreher Castle, in Schwechat (P 49/X 18). Eight motor vehicles [redacted] stood in the yard. Fifteen officers and 15 EM, all wearing red-bordered black epaulets and including some with artillery insignia, were seen leaving and entering the quarters during a one-hour period of observation. A captain and 2 EM wearing black-bordered black epaulets stood in front of the opposite building.

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6. [redacted] the Soviet quarters at 1 Altkettenhof in Schwechat was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Numerous field wires converged at the two-story building on the opposite side of the street. The building was not guarded, but soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen through the open windows. (4)

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Comments.

- (1) The 44th Gds Necz Regt of the 13th Gds Necz Div, which is quartered in the Albrechts Kaserne and the Wilhelms Kaserne, was apparently still at its quarters [redacted]
- (2) Since the Shchuka tanks were not seen in Kagran at the day of observation, it is probable that elements of the 106th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 13th Gds Necz Div stationed there were absent from the quarters that day.
- (3) The unidentified motor transport battalion of the Central Group of Forces is stationed in Laxenburg which, according to the about 100 motor observed, was at the quarters [redacted]
- (4) The information confirms previous reports [redacted] according to which an artillery unit is located in Schwechat. [redacted]
- (5) [redacted] the unit may belong to the 13th Gds Necz Div.

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